

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2201  
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BATTERY BASED TELEPHONES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of villages in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh where battery based telephone tower system has been installed, block-wise;
- (b) the number of telephones out of order in the district as on June 30, 2000;
- (c) whether the system has not been successful;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) 644 villages in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh are having battery based telephone tower system. Name of villages is given in the enclosed annexure.
- (b) 241 such telephones are out of order as on 30th June, 2000.
- (c) The system has not been very reliable.
- (d) The reasons are: Unstable and unreliable power supply of base stations; Frequent failure of components; Poor after sale services by suppliers.
- (e) The following steps have been taken by the Govt: Flying squads have been constituted; Replacement of faulty VPTs working on analog MARR by WLL system; Frequent testing of VPTs from exchanges as preventive measures; Repair centers are being setup in each Circle; AMC is being entered with suppliers;